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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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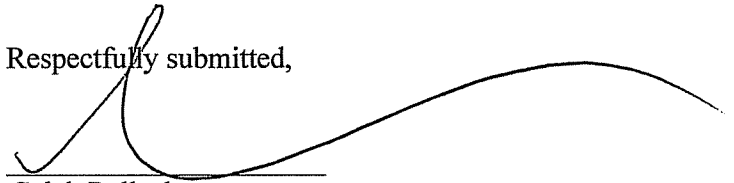
Applicant(s) would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of the subject application based on the distinctions enumerated in the "Reasons of Allowance". Applicant(s) agree, without prejudice, that these distinctions provide sufficient basis for allowance of the application; however, Applicant(s) respectfully submit that there may be alternative and/or additional patentable distinctions between the claimed invention and the cited prior art, related or unrelated to those explicitly addressed in the "Reasons for Allowance". Furthermore, while the Examiner writes that claims 11, 18 and 25 include limitations similar to those in claim 1, Applicants note that these different claims have different sets of limitations. For example (only one example), claim 25 does not specify "assessing parity relationships."

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Respectfully submitted,

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